

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS INVITING COMMENT ON

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY CONSORTIUM 2022 ACTION PLAN PRIORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND 2020 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

Snohomish County announces two virtual public hearings related to the planning process for federal affordable housing and community development funds.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the hearings is to:

- Obtain input on priority affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, and economic development needs for the 2022 Action Plan;
- Report on, and receive input on, performance for the 2020 program year which ended June 30, 2021; and
- Respond to proposals and answer questions.

## **Virtual Hearing Dates and Times:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Hearing - Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 9:00 am

Where: Join Zoom Meeting

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**Call-in #:** 1-253-215-8782 / **Meeting ID:** 948 8428 2141 / **Passcode:** 579448

2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing - Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 5:00 pm

Where: Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99194708912?pwd=V0txTXIvQXFWRjNFUEtkUDRoQWcwUT09Call-in #: 1-253-215-8782 / Meeting ID: 991 9470 8912 / Passcode: 087799

**Background:** The County, in consortium with 19 cities and towns within the county, receives approximately \$5 million dollars in federal funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under three grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The funds may be used to support affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, and economic development activities as well as grant administration. Activities funded primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons and neighborhoods in Snohomish County.

The Consortium's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies local needs for affordable housing and community development. It also includes five-year goals to guide how this federal funding will be used to help address these needs.

Each year, a one-year action plan is developed. The action plan indicates how anticipated funding for the upcoming year will be used to help meet the five-year goals and includes awards to specific projects. The 2022 Action Plan will cover the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

At the end of each program year, an end-of-year report is prepared called the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report assesses annual progress towards meeting the five-year goals. The CAPER for the 2020 program year, which ended June 30, 2021, was completed in October 2021 and is the first report under the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

**Public Comments:** Snohomish County invites comments and participation from all interested persons. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing.

If you are unable to participate in a virtual public hearing, you may send a written comment to Debra May by email at <a href="mailto:debra.may@snoco.org">debra.may@snoco.org</a>, or by mail to Snohomish County Human Services Department-OHCD, M/S 305, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201. Comments and views received will be taken into consideration in development of the 2022 Action Plan.

**ADA Notice:** The County strives to provide access to all members of the public. If you have questions about accessibility or would like to request an accommodation to participate in a virtual public hearing or to submit a comment in an alternate format, please contact Debra May in advance of the hearings by e-mail at <a href="mailto:debra.may@snoco.org">debra.may@snoco.org</a>, by phone at 425-388-3264, or by TTY at 7-1-1.

**Foreign Language Interpreters:** Foreign language interpreters are available upon request when a substantial number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate. Please request interpreter services at least one week in advance of the hearing. To make a request, please contact Debra May at debra.may@snoco.org, or by phone at 425-388-3264.